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| For: DEVICE FOR SEALING A GAP        | ) |                        |
| BETWEEN CAR DOOR AND CAR             | ) |                        |
| WALL IN AN ELEVATOR CAR              | ) |                        |

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Pursuant to Sections 1.97 and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, record is hereby made of published prior art which the United States Patent and Trademark Office may wish to consider during examination of the above-entitled application. No representation is made or intended that a prior art search was conducted, or that no better art than that listed is available.

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None

The relevance of the U.S. Patent No. 3,425,162 is discussed in Applicants' specification at page 1. The relevance of the European reference 0 418 510 is discussed in Applicants' specification at page 1. The remaining references were cited in a European Standard Search Report with respect to the European application from which priority is claimed. A copy of the Report is enclosed.

A copy of each of the foreign references is enclosed herewith along with Form PTO-1449. It is requested that each of the references be fully considered and made of record in this case.

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